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Lt. Gov. Peter Kinder Issues Statement on Patient Transfer of Arbor View Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center Residents

Statement from Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder;

“As the official Senior Advocate for the State of Missouri, I am concerned any time the welfare and care of our elderly is brought into question. I learned of the recent actions today by the Buchanan County Public Administrator regarding the unusual timing and questionable circumstances surrounding the transfer of nine residents from the Arbor View Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in St. Joseph.

My primary concern in this matter is for the health and safety of these nine individuals. I have asked the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services to immediately review the situation and to take any appropriate action to safeguard the well-being of these elderly residents.

I am concerned not only for the physical health of these residents, as the temperature outside is now below freezing, but I am equally concerned about the emotional impact this move will have on their lives. It is my hope that the Buchanan County Public Administrator will resolve her differences with the Arbor View Center so there is no further disruption in the lives of these nine residents and their families.